

BORO' VIEW SPECIAL

HITACHI CUP FINAL TIE

FIRST LEG



FARNBOROUGH TOWN



WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Saturday 4th May 1985

Kick-off 3.00pm

Cherrywood Road Farnborough

Official Souvenir Programme 40p





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Isthmian League (Division Two) Champions	1978/79
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Spartan League Cup Winners	1974/75
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Spartan League Reserves Cup Winners	1972/73
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Suburban League Cup Winners	1978/79, 79/80

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West Surrey Boys League (U18) Cup Winners	1982/83
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Colwyn Cup Winners	1982/83

Ron Writes



Good afternoon Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome the officials of the Isthmian League and Wycombe Wanderers to Cherrywood Road for the first leg of the Hitachi Cup Final.

In offering my congratulations to the managers and players of both teams for their achievement in reaching the final it is perhaps of interest to note that while Wycombe recently celebrated their centenary and have reached the final on two previous occasions today is another "first" in Farnborough's short but illustrious history.



Ron Wallace
Chairman
Farnborough Town
Football Club

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Directors of Hitachi for sponsoring this competition and I sincerely hope that the matches will be both sporting and entertaining and played in the true spirit of the game and that we grasp this opportunity to promote the high standards of the Isthmian League where families can watch a football match in safety and with a pleasant social atmosphere as well as saying to our sponsors we are worthy of your support.

As this is our last competitive home match of the season I do want to express my appreciation to the entire playing staff for their commitment and entertainment during the season. My task as chairman has been made much easier by the support given by my colleagues on the football, supporters and social club's committee's as well as the many helpers. I also acknowledge the excellent coverage by the Farnborough News and County Sound.

On behalf of the club I thank the generosity of the advertisers, sponsors and vice presidents which has given the opportunity for another successful season.

Thank you all for supporting us this season, don't forget us during the summer, we will be organising working parties and the social club bar always offers a welcome.

I look forward to seeing you in increased numbers next season.

Ron Wallace



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THE STORY SO FAR



Farnborough Town Football Club was formed in 1967 and played their first competitive match on 31st August 1968 in the Surrey Senior League (Division One). That match at the Club's old ground in Queens Road resulted in an amazing 7-6 victory over Surbiton Byron, a score that was to set the scene for the Boro' as they have only once failed in recent seasons to record over 100 goals in competitive matches.

Farnborough really started to go places at the start of the 1970/71 season when the current team manager Ted Pearce was appointed. Despite watching his new club suffer two heavy home defeats in his first two matches, Pearce guided them to the Premier Division of the Surrey Senior League by the end of that season. The following season Boro' finished near the top of the Premier Division and were successful in being accepted into the Spartan League for what was to become four years of domination of that League, winning the League Championship for four years running and the League Cup for the last two of those years.

Facilities at Queens Road were preventing any further progress but, with the help of local businessmen, a new ground was developed at Cherrywood Road and the club was accepted into the Athenian League. Boro' immediately won the Division Two Championship in 1976/77 and were then accepted into the newly expanded Isthmian League. Boro' just missed out on promotion in their first season, but in the following season (1978/79) were promoted as Division Two Champions by a clear ten points. Boro' are now in their sixth season in Division One and have always finished in the top nine, the closest to promotion being third in 1982/83 when missing out by just one point.

Farnborough also has a formidable Cup record, having lifted the Hampshire Senior Cup on three occasions, 1975, 1982 and 1984, the first time beating Basingstoke 5-1 in the final, having trailed 1-0 with only a few minutes of normal time remaining. In 1976 and 1977 they reached the F.A. Vase semi-finals, losing both times to Billericay, and in the last five years Boro have reached the F.A. Cup 1st round proper on three occasions. In 1981 they were defeated narrowly at Yeovil, last season suffered an equally close defeat at Barking and this season met a Football League club for the first time, losing 3-0 at Hereford. 1981/2 is generally regarded as Boro's cup season as, in addition to lifting the County Cup, they reached the semi-finals of the Hitachi Cup and the final of the London Senior Cup, failing in both competitions to all-conquering Leytonstone/Ilford.

1984/85 could be Boro's season for at the time of writing they are several points clear at the top of division one and will be appearing in the League Cup final for the first time.



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WHO'S WHO FOR 'THE BORO'



TOM HAMMOND - 26 year old keeper, should have made 400 appearances by this game for his only senior club, first played for 'Boro as a 16 year old in season 75/76.

RICHARD WALDEN - Captain of the side, vastly experienced having played 650 league games for Aldershot, Sheffield Wednesday and Newport County where he was in the side which reached the Cup Winners Cup quarter final.

KEITH BAKER - Experienced left back who joined 'Boro just after the start of this season, previous clubs include Staines, Egham and Southall.

BRIAN BROOME - 24 year old highly competitive midfield player who had a short spell at Wycombe at the start of the season, but soon rejoined 'Boro, has netted nearly 30 goals this season.

TONY DOHERTY - Defender who joined 'Boro at the start of the season gained experience with Everton, Cardiff and Wigan Athletic before moving into non-league football playing for Harrow, Basingstoke, Slough and Woking.

TONY CARTER - Young lionhearted centre back who first made his mark at the end of season 1982/3 and has been a regular first team member ever since, now played over 100 games.

ROBIN GOSNELL - Strong and competitive midfielder or defender who returned to 'Boro this season after a year away at Slough and Hungerford. Was with Farnborough for three seasons prior to that making over 150 appearances.

KEITH MORRIS - 'Boro top goalscorer with over 30 goals this season within sight of Brian Langfield and Richard Parkin's club record of 34 goals. Has now made over 100 appearances for the club, won all of 'Boro's end of season awards last year.

TOMMY JONES - Skillful young midfield player who returned to Farnborough midway through last season after a brief spell with Woking. First came to 'Boro in the latter part of 1982/83 season after being released by Chelsea, has now made over 100 appearances.

BRIAN LUCAS - Hard working midfielder who joined 'Boro at the start of this season from Football League neighbours Aldershot. 23 year old Brian was born locally and spent all of his early football career with "Shots" making nearly 150 1st team appearances for them.

DAVID STEELE - Young midfielder who has progressed through the 'Boro's youth and reserve teams. His 50 plus senior appearances in a six year period do not reflect David's considerable ability or his value to the club.



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WHO'S WHO FOR 'THE BORO'



CHRIS HODGE - Versatile midfielder or defender who was with Southampton before joining Farnborough at the start of the 1980/81 season. Always a whole hearted performer who has now made over 150 first team appearances.

RICHARD MANVILLE - Product of the club's successful youth team was one of the stars of the semi-final against Sutton when he came on as sub.

STEVE OSGOOD - Understudy goalkeeper who joined 'Boro in the close season. Previous experience includes many matches in Portsmouth's Football Combination team. Extremely agile for a big man.

TED PEARCE - Manager, now completing his 15th consecutive season as the 'Boro team boss. Took over the helm in August 1970 when the club held only intermediate status and played on the roped off area of a public recreation ground. Has guided 'Boro to many successes during their meteoric rise up the status ladder. Describes himself as "not a very good player" who appeared in Woking's Isthmian League team during the mid 1960's.

JIM PIERSON - Coach, former Scottish schoolboy and under 23 international. Played for Stirling Albion, Falkirk and Arbroath before moving south in 1969 to play for Southern League Guildford City. Played for 'Boro in the early '70's and was appointed coach in 1972. Joined Bracknell Town in 1974 as manager but resigned in 1976. Has taken a back seat in recent seasons in terms of serious club involvement but welcomed the opportunity to renew his successful partnership with Ted Pearce during last summer.

DENNIS ROSE - Assistant Coach/Trainer, a valuable member of the 'Boro management team. Now in his third season at Cherrywood Road. Plays a leading role in the clubs fitness programme. A very useful goalkeeper in his playing days.

The following players have contributed to Farnborough Town's very successful season, but are cup tied for this competition.

MARK TURKINGTON - Previously with Chelsea, Charlton and Leatherhead, can play in midfield or up front. Has scored 18 goals since his return from Leatherhead in December 1984.

GARY HUXLEY - Instrumental in gaining Windsor promotion last season.

SIMON PENTLAND - Signed from Wycombe, also with Hungerford and Wokingham. Strong and powerful utility player scored two goals in Wycombe's defeat of Billericay in the second round of this years Hitachi Cup.



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HOW THEY GOT TO THE FINAL



FIRST ROUND

CLAPTON 2

FARNBOROUGH TOWN 3
Lucas, Morris, Bolton

Team: Tom Hammond, Richard Walden, Keith Baker, Brian Broome, Tony Carter, Alex MacFarlane, Brian Lucas, Keith Morris, Jimmy Bolton, Robin Gosnell, Chris Hodge Sub: Richard Parkin (not used)

SECOND ROUND

FARNBOROUGH TOWN 5
Bolton 2, Carter, Gosnell, Lucas

HAYES 0

Team: Tom Hammond, Richard Walden, Keith Baker, Robin Gosnell, Tony Carter, Alex MacFarlane, Chris Hodge, Keith Morris, Jimmy Bolton, Brian Lucas, Tommy Jones Sub: Tony Doherty (not used)

THIRD ROUND

FARNBOROUGH TOWN 2
Collins, Walden

WOKINGHAM TOWN 0

Team: Tom Hammond, Richard Walden, Keith Baker, Chris Hodge, Tony Carter, Robin Gosnell, Martin Pullen, Keith Morris, Tommy Jones, Brian Lucas, Michael Collins Sub: Richard Manville for Collins

FOURTH ROUND

HENDON 0

FARNBOROUGH TOWN 1
Jones

Team: Tom Hammond, Richard Walden, Keith Baker, Brian Broome, Tony Doherty, Robin Gosnell, David Steele, Keith Morris, Tommy Jones, Brian Lucas, Chris Hodge Sub: Tony Carter (not used)

SEMI-FINAL

SUTTON UNITED 0

FARNBOROUGH TOWN 3 (aet)
Morris 2, Steele

Team: Tom Hammond, Richard Walden, Keith Baker, Brian Broome, Tony Doherty, Tony Carter, Robin Gosnell, Keith Morris, Tommy Jones, Brian Lucas, David Steele Sub: Richard Manville for Gosnell



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FARNBOROUGH TOWN F.C.



BACK ROW (Left to Right): R.Manville (Kit Manager), D.Rose (Assistant Coach/Trainer)
 R.Gosnell, K.Baker, T.Carter, T.Hammond, D.Steele, T.Jones, S.Pentland, J.Pierson (Coach),
 J.Cooper (Team Assistant) FRONT ROW: T.Doherty, C.Hodge, M.Turkington, R.Walden,
 E.Pearce (Manager), B.Broome, G.Huxley, B.Lucas, K.Morris

Ted Writes



Good afternoon. In a very special season when hardly a week has passed without excitement (except when the snow intervened), it would seem very difficult to save the best things for the end, but, we've managed just that. What better way is there to bring the competitive season to a close than with a cup final? Today it is my pleasure to welcome the illustrious Wycombe Wanderers Football Club to Cherrywood Road for the 1st leg of the Hitachi Cup final.

We cannot claim to be the first Division One club to reach the final of this high quality and prestigious competition, and certainly it cannot be said that we have had an easy passage to this final tie.



Ted Pearce
Manager
Farnborough Town
Football Club

Despite not being able to field what we would normally regard as our strongest line up we have convincingly disposed of some of the strongest line ups in the Premier Division. Following a 1st round tie at Clapton (3-2 win) we have progressed at the expense of Hayes (5-0) and Wokingham (2-0), both here at Cherrywood Road, and travelled successfully to Hendon (1-0) and Sutton United (3-0).

At the time of our victories over Hayes and Sutton both were sitting proudly at the top of the Premier division, and indeed, the Gander Green Lane club have subsequently secured the Premier title. I am sure that none of our disappointed opponents would begrudge us our wins on the day, and certainly our victories over Hayes and Sutton will rank amongst our best performances of the season.

Wycombe Wanderers, and my friend Paul Bence, will certainly not take us lightly, and indeed, the famous Loakes Park club will be looking at this trophy as a means of bringing their centenary season, which started a little slowly for them to a satisfactory close. One thing is for certain, our opponents will be looking to impose the skillful attacking qualities encouraged by the coaching skills of Paul Bence, and thus continuing the finest traditions of football entertainment built up by Wycombe Wanderers over many years.

Let us hope that today, and at Loakes Park on Monday the reputations of both clubs and the Isthmian League are considerably enhanced, and that those who pass through the turnstiles are given a feast of all that is best in football.



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Ted Writes



Unfortunately the game itself has suffered some bad publicity this season, mainly due, I consider, to an alarming decline in social behaviour which sometimes spreads its evil habits to the football spectating areas. As well as some excellent football in the best traditions, let us also hope that the best sporting spirit is displayed by all both on and off the field.

With this being our last competitive home match of the season, it seems appropriate to look back over what has been a most memorable season. The highlight has, of course, been the Isthmian Division One Championship win which secures for our club the elevated status of Premier Division football next season, after just seventeen years of existence.

From the early weeks of the season I considered that we had the best team in Division One but the main problem was turning all that ability into producing enough results to put us in with a promotion chance. As we have found to our cost in previous seasons, the odd brilliant performance which probably could not be matched by any of our challengers was never going to be the solution to the promotion challenge. Somehow that important note of consistency had to be found and we found it. Our 20 odd game run from the end of February punctuated by only one defeat (on a Thursday night at Basildon) was the key to the Premier Division door.

We must not forget the F.A. Cup run which took us to the 1st round proper for the third time in our history, the difference on this occasion was our first ever competitive match against Football League (known as the Canon League) opposition. The day at Hereford passed by all too quickly, but the memory will last forever.

I must take this opportunity of thanking my close aides Jim Pierson and Dennis Rose for their superb support and also include Reserve Team Manager Ron Stacey and Youth Team Manager Phil Martin for special praise.

To all the people behind the scenes, from the chairman downwards and the loyal supporters who have supported us through thick and thin, thank you, and I hope that you consider your efforts have been rewarded by the club's championship win and promotion.

Finally, before we put our feet up and enjoy a bit of summer sunshine, there is one more match here which looks very attractive indeed. That match is on Monday 13th May when Oxford United, newly promoted to Division One, come to Cherrywood Road to mark the completion of my fifteenth season as 'Boro Manager. Jim Smith has promised to bring his full promotion team for what promises to be quite an evening, both on the field and post match in the clubhouse. Don't miss this one. Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you again in August when a new exciting era in the short life of our club will begin.

Ted Pearto



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FARNBOROUGH TOWN



(COLOURS: YELLOW SHIRTS, BLUE SHORTS,
YELLOW STOCKINGS)

1. TOM HAMMOND
2. RICHARD WALDEN (Captain)
3. KEITH BAKER
4. BRIAN BROOME
5. TONY DOHERTY
6. TONY CARTER
7. ROBIN GOSNELL
8. KEITH MORRIS
9. TOMMY JONES
10. BRIAN LUCAS
11. DAVID STEELE

Substitute: CHRIS HODGE

Manager: TED PEARCE

Referee

MR. DAVID KEEN

(Reading)

David Keen comes from Reading and is married with 2 children. In 1971 he qualified as a referee and works as a Senior Design Engineer. He is an FA Instructor and also Chairman of the Isthmian League Referee's Assoc. Recently appeared on BBC TV's Match of The Day West Ham v Manchester United. We wish him good luck for his big day on 18th of May when he will be taking the line in this years FA Cup Final at Wembley.

Linesmen

MR. R.H. GOULBOURN
(Pinner) — Red Flag

MR. R.S. OVER
(Reading) — Yellow Flag
Reserve Official
MR. M.W. VIGUS (Erith)



WYCOMBE WANDERERS



(COLOURS: LIGHT BLUE SHIRTS, DARK BLUE
SHORTS, LIGHT BLUE STOCKINGS)

1. GARY LESTER
2. KEVIN TILLEY
3. GRAHAM PEARCE
4. DAVE BURGESS
5. ANTON VIRCAVS (Captain)
6. KEVIN COLLINS
7. ROY FAIRCHILD
8. SIMON READ
9. BOB DELL
10. DECLAN LINK
11. KEN WILSON

Substitute: MARK WEST

Manager: PAUL BENCE

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V OXFORD UNITED

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The Isthmian Leagues



FIRST DIVISION up to and including Saturday 27th April 1985

						Goals		
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1	FARNBOROUGH TOWN	40	26	8	6	100	40	86
2	Leatherhead	40	23	8	9	107	59	77
3	Kingstonian	41	22	10	9	66	39	76
4	Chesham United	39	22	6	11	75	43	72
5	Wembley	40	19	9	12	57	39	66
6	St Albans City	40	18	10	12	75	55	64
7	Tilbury	40	17	12	11	83	68	63
8	Bromley	39	17	9	13	67	56	60
9	Hampton	40	16	10	14	69	60	58
10	Maidenhead United	39	17	7	15	64	61	58
11	Staines Town	40	16	9	15	57	51	57
12	Aveley	41	16	7	18	62	75	55
13	Walton & Hersham	40	15	8	17	57	68	52 *
14	Boreham Wood	40	15	6	19	71	79	51
15	Oxford City	40	13	11	16	59	52	50
16	Basildon United	40	13	8	19	50	60	47
17	Woking	39	14	5	20	57	87	47
18	Lewes	37	13	7	17	60	63	46
19	Hornchurch	40	13	6	21	51	74	45
20	Metropolitan Police	40	10	11	19	63	88	41
21	Hertford Town	41	5	9	27	34	96	24
22	Clapton	38	4	10	24	46	118	22

* 1 point deducted

PREMIER DIVISION up to and including Saturday 27th April 1985

						Goals		
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1	Sutton United	41	23	14	4	113	53	83
2	Worthing	40	23	7	10	86	57	76
3	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	40	22	6	12	64	45	72
4	Wokingham Town	39	19	13	7	70	47	70
5	Dulwich Hamlet	42	16	17	9	82	57	65
6	Bognor Regis Town	40	20	5	15	65	55	65
7	Harrow Borough	41	18	8	15	70	54	62
8	Windsor & Eton	40	17	10	13	59	54	61
9	Hayes	41	17	8	16	59	54	59
10	Croydon	40	15	11	14	60	60	56
11	Walthamstow Avenue	40	15	10	15	63	63	55
12	Tooting & Mitcham	39	15	9	15	60	63	54
13	Slough Town	42	13	12	17	69	74	51
14	Carshalton Athletic	40	14	7	19	53	65	49
15	Epsom & Ewell	39	11	13	15	58	59	46
16	Hendon	41	9	19	13	60	62	46
17	Billericay Town	42	11	14	17	53	75	46 *
18	Bishop's Stortford	40	11	11	18	46	66	44
19	Barking	41	12	7	22	42	75	43
20	Leytonstone/Ilford	41	11	10	20	36	70	43
21	Hitchin Town	40	9	14	17	53	69	41
22	Harlow Town	39	5	11	23	43	88	26

* 1 point deducted



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Boro News



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters of Wycombe Wanderers for the 1st leg of the last Hitachi Cup Final, as I am sure you all know the cup will be renamed the AC Delco Cup next year.

Whether we will be playing Wycombe or not next year is still uncertain for we certainly will be in the top flight of the Isthmian League, Wycombe have however applied to join the Gola League and we wish them the best of luck with their application.

Due to the early printing date we cannot offer our normal high quality statistic pages but they will be back next season. As this is my last programme of the season, (Paul Johnstone has relieved the end of season panic by preparing Ted's Testimonial Programme) may I wish you all a happy holiday break and look forward to being your scribe in August. Finally congratulations to Sutton on winning the Premier Division Championship and our old friends from Basingstoke who will also be playing premier division football next year in the Southern League.

Michael Keith

Many Happy Returns

I am sure everyone at Farnborough Town will join me in wishing a very happy 37th birthday to our skipper, Richard Walden. Richard, who made 656 Football League appearances for Aldershot, Sheffield Wednesday and Newport County, is now in his third season with us having now passed the 150 appearances in a 'Boro shirt.

Richard is one of those remarkable characters who has maintained a very high standard of fitness and still shows a youthful enthusiasm for the game together with a genuine passion for his home town club.

It is amazing to think that Richard was playing in Aldershot's League team when some of today's playing colleagues and opponents were hardly out of their prams.

I can tell you that our promotion success was greeted with just as much joy by Richard as many of the younger players, and why not? Our popular right back can still show a clean pair of heels to even the nippiest opponent, and who's to say that in three years time he won't still be the custodian of the first team No. 2 shirt and celebrating a 40th anniversary. I wouldn't take bets on it.

Well done Richard, have a good day.



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BACK ROW (Left to Right): J.Richardson, D.Springell (Physio), T.How, G.Pearce, D.Burgess, G.Lester, S.Collins, D.Link, A.Gane (Assistant Manager), P.Bence (Manager) FRONT ROW: D.Russell, W.Wanklyn, B.Dell, A.Vircavs, K.Tilley, R.Fairchild, M.West, K.Wilson

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

CLUB HISTORY



Wycombe Wanderers Football Club was founded in 1884 and this season celebrate their centenary.

The progression to senior status was taken in 1894 and shortly afterwards the club moved to its present home, Loakes Park, set at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, close to the town centre.

The club completed its initial years as seniors playing mainly in the Southern League, but after little success withdrew and in 1908 joined the Great Western Suburban League, where they remained until the outbreak of the First World War.

Following the end of the war the club reformed and joined the Spartan League, winning the Championship in both 1919/20 and 1920/21 seasons. The captain of this side was Frank Adams who in 1947 presented Loakes Park to the club as a gift, remaining Patron of the Club until his death in 1981 aged 90.

In 1921 the club received an invitation to play in the Isthmian League and has remained in membership ever since. The F.A. Amateur Cup was won for the only time in 1931 when Hayes were beaten 1-0 at Highbury, however, it was not until after the Second World War that the Isthmian League Championship went to Loakes Park for the first time. After many near misses the title was won in 1955/56 and the following season the title was won again together with an appearance in the Amateur Cup final at Wembley, losing to the mighty Bishop Auckland 3-1.

The arrival of manager, and present Chairman, Brian Lee to the club in 1968 began a period of unequalled success in the world of non-league football. During his seven year reign Wycombe achieved national recognition, winning the Isthmian League a further four times, finishing as runners-up twice and performing consistently well in the cup competitions.

The F.A Challenge Cup has provided the club with many memorable moments the highlight being the Third Round meeting against First Division Middlesbrough in 1974/75, the Ayresome Park side requiring a replay and a solitary last minute goal to go through. The club has appeared in the competition proper on 22 occasions. This season the Wanderers failed to reach the First Round for the first time in eleven seasons, losing in the 4th qualifying round, after a replay to Burton Albion in front of a crowd of 3,442 at Burton.

The Wanderers have consistently won their county cup, the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup, taking the trophy back to Loakes Park on no less than 21 occasions.

In recent seasons under the managership of Mike Keen, the club has achieved its best ever performance in the F.A. Trophy, losing at the semi-final stage to Altrincham in 1981/82. Two Hitachi League Cup finals have been reached (1982/83 & 1983/84), losing on each occasion, over two legs, to Sutton United. In 1982/83 the Isthmian League title was won for the seventh time.



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The Wanderers Loakes Park Headquarters has a capacity of 12,000 with covered accomodation for 4,000 and seating for 1,000. The record attendance stands at 15,678 for the visit of St. Albans City in an Amateur Cup quarter-final tie during the 1949/50 season.

WHO'S WHO FOR 'THE BLUES'

PAUL BENICE - Manager, new at Wycombe this season having spent the four previous years as coach at Wokingham Town. Has had professional experience as player at Brighton, Reading, Brentford and Torquay. Holds a full F.A. Coaching Badge and coached the Q.P.R. youth team for eighteen months.

ALAN GANE - Assistant Manager, former Blues player who rejoined the club this season to renew his association with Wycombe and with Paul Benice who he played briefly with at Brentford. Left Wycombe in 1973 to turn professional having made 47 (+18 as sub) appearances for the club. Also a fully qualified F.A. Coach.

GARY LESTER - Goalkeeper, aged 29. Has been first choice 'keeper at Loakes Park since joining from Chalfont St. Peter in December 1979. Has made over 250 appearances for the club and at 6'2" is the tallest member of the squad.

KEVIN TILLEY - Defender aged 26. Signed from Hayes at the start of this years campaign. Previous clubs include Q.P.R. (as an apprentice), Wimbledon, Maidstone United and Aylesbury United.

GRAHAM PEARCE - Defender aged 23. A speedy winger who has now made the conversion to full-back. Came through from the reserves last season and is a promising prospect. In his second spell with the club and played for the Wycombe youth side of 1977/78.

DAVE BURGESS - Defender aged 27. Signed from Oxford City in the close season where he made close to 150 appearances. Previously with Kidlington and Banbury United and has gained representative honours for the F.A. and Hellenic League. Has played cricket for Oxfordshire.

ANTON VIRCAVS - Defender aged 23. Commanding central defender who signed from Hellenic League side Pressed Steel in January 1981. Has now made over 150 appearances for Wycombe and during April was on tour with the Middlesex Wanderers in Indonesia.

KEVIN COLLINS - Midfield aged 21. At Staines Town last season and played for Port Hacking in Australia during the summer. Joined the Blues in November 1984.

KEN WILSON - Forward aged 28. Missed much of last season with a knee injury but has recently returned to first team action. A favourite at Loakes Park and his varied wing play was badly missed by the Blues. Previous clubs include Hounslow Town and Walton & Hersham.



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WYCOMBE WANDERERS

WHO' WHO FOR THE BLUES



SIMON READ - Forward aged 23. Joined the club with Declan Link in the close season from Staines Town. A prolific scorer with his former club and has already made an impact at Loakes Park. Both Simon and Declan are products of the Staines Town youth policy.

BOB DELL - Midfield aged 25. Former club captain. aggressive dplayer who was recruited from local football in March 1980. Has played for the Middlesex Wanderers and another gifted cricketer who has played at Minor Counties level for Buckinghamshire.

DECLAN LINK - Forward aged 20. The other half of the deadly duo signed from Staines Town in the summer. Spent three years with Q.P.R. youth before joining Staines where he quickly developed himself as a regular scorer.

MARK WEST - Forward aged 18. Local youngster who joined the Wanderers in December 1984 after spells at West Ham and then Reading. A member of the successful Wycombe Schools U 15's team of 1981 and has represented England Schoolboys.

TREVOR HOW - Defender aged 27. Recently returned to first team action while Anton Vircavs was on tour with the Middlesex Wanderers. This years club captain. Gained Football League experience with Watford, making 91 league appearances. Joined the club from Aylesbury United at the start of last season and was voted Player of the Season.

ROY FAIRCHILD - Forward aged 23. Former Flackwell Heath favourite who joined the Blues in September this season. Encouraging displays for the reserves earned him the right to claim for a permanent first team place during the second half of the season.

GOING FOR GOLA

Wycombe Wanderers chairman Brian Lee confirmed recently that his club will move up into the Gola League next season if the chance arises.

Mr. Lee revealed that the Blues had applied for membership and that their application had been "acknowledged."

Now Wycombe must continue their fight to finish second or at least third, in the Isthmian League Premier Division to keep hopes alive of gaining acceptance to the prestigious Gola set-up.

The Blues' chairman added that even if Wycombe did not reach the Gola League next season the club's application would be "left on the table" for future.



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HOW THEY GOT TO THE FINAL



FIRST ROUND

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3 BRACKNELL TOWN 3 (aet)
Tate 2, How

Team: Gary Lester, Kevin Tilley, Graham Pearce, Trevor How, Dave Burgess, Bob Dell, Andy Harman, Simon Read, Declan Link, Jim Jacobs, Simon Pentland Sub: Colin Tate for Dell

FIRST ROUND REPLAY

BRACKNELL TOWN 0 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 4
Read 2, Link 2

Team: Gary Lester, Richard Mikurenda, Graham Pearce, Trevor How, Dave Burgess, Bob Dell, Andy Harman, Simon Read, Declan Link, Mick Doherty, Simon Pentland Sub: Billy Hubbick (not used)

SECOND ROUND

BILLERICAY TOWN 2 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3
Long, Pentland 2

Team: Gary Lester, Kevin Tilley, Graham Pearce, Dave Burgess, Trevor How, Bob Dell, Richard Mikurenda, Simon Pentland, Mick Doherty, Steve Long, Roy Fairchild Sub: Andy Harman for Doherty

THIRD ROUND

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 4 BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0
Burgess, West, Link, Fairchild

Team: Gary Lester, Kevin Tilley, Graham Pearce, Dave Burgess, Anton Vircaus, Kevin Collins, Mark West, Simon Read, Bob Dell, Declan Link, Ken Wilson Sub: Roy Fairchild for Wilson

FOURTH ROUND

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2 HARROW BOROUGH 0
Read 2

Team: Gary Lester, Kevin Tilley, Graham Pearce, Dave Burgess, Anton Vircaus, Kevin Collins, Bob Dell, Simon Read, Roy Fairchild, Declan Link, Mark West Sub: Ken Wilson (not used)

SEMI-FINAL

STAINES TOWN 0 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2
Link 2

Team: Gary Lester, Kevin Tilley, Graham Pearce, Dave Burgess, Anton Vircaus, Kevin Collins, Roy Fairchild, Simon Read, Bob Dell, Declan Link, Ken Wilson, Sub: Andy Harman for Fairchild





The Isthmian League Cup



The Isthmian League only inaugurated a league cup competition in season 1974/75 and was open, in that first season, only to the second division sides. At this time, when there were only two divisions, the final, as at present was a two legged affair with Tilbury running out 3-1 winners on aggregate.

The next year the competition was opened to any Isthmian League side. Various of the top clubs refrained from taking part because of other cup commitments but one who did, Slough Town, won the trophy by beating Tilbury in the final (4-0). Season 1976/77 saw entry become compulsory to all the sides in the league and in a close final between Hendon and Barking the Middlesex team ran out 1-0 winners to add a new name to the honours list.

The next year the league expanded to three divisions and with the new influx of clubs saw a restructuring of the systems with the second and first division teams battling through qualifying rounds before getting a crack at the premier teams in the first round proper. The 1977/78 season was also the first season that Hitachi sponsored the cup and teams to profit immediately were Hertford Town and Worthing who as the furthest progressing first and second division sides each collected a £340 Hitachi colour television. Hertford reached the semi-finals by beating Enfield (3-1), Carshalton Athletic (2-0) and Walthamstow Avenue (3-0), where it took Dagenham three attempts to take a final place. It was, infact, the 'Daggers' who lifted the cup on that occasion by beating Leatherhead 1-0 at Champion Hill, home of Dulwich Hamlet. Infact Dagenhams win started a hat trick of wins by teams no longer in the league as Enfield won it for the next two years. Season 1978/79 saw them overcome Hayes, at Slough Towns Wexham Park ground by 2-1 while in the next final they overcame Sutton United by 3-2.

1980/81 saw Slough lift the trophy for the second time when they overcame near rivals Hayes 2-0 and this added to league and county cup triumphs made an impressive treble. Leytonstone & Ilford decided to do better and in season 1981/82 took the league cup by beating Kingstonian by 2-0 at Boreham Wood's Broughinge Road ground to complete an excellent foursome with the Premier Division Trophy, the Essex Senior Cup and the London Senior Cup (beating us in the final) all resting in the East London teams club house, as well as a run to the first round proper of the F.A. Cup where they lost 2-0 to Aldershot. The other interesting note from this season is todays finalists both lost in the semi-finals in replays by the odd goal.

The next year saw the abolition of the two legged semi-final (first seen in 1979/80) and the final on a neutral ground, in favour of the formula used in the very first season of a one off semi-final and a two legged final. Since the re-introduction of this Sutton United have twice won it beating todays visitors Wycombe in both finals.

Whatever the result today a new name will go on the cup and while Wycombe fans will be hoping third time lucky the 'Boro lads will go all out to lift the cup for the first time.



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Bore's League Cup Record



Our own success in league cup competition is quite phenomenal in that we have reached the final of all but one of the league cups we have played in. The exception being when as an Athenian League Second Division side losing in the semi-final to Epsom & Ewell.

Our second ever senior season saw us reach two senior cup finals, that of the Surrey Senior League and Surrey Senior Charity Cup. In the former we fought our way through three rounds, beating Horley, B.A.C. (Weybridge) and Wandsworth to reach a final tie against Malden Town which we lost 4-2 at Dorking Town F.C. The charity competition saw us defeat Surbiton Byron, Chobham and Malden Town to meet Whytleafe in the final tie. Again we lost, on this occasion at Plough Lane, Wimbledon and as we took second place in the league as well Ted Pearce suggested it was a case of "always the bridesmaid never the bride".

This was dispelled over the next four years as we won the Spartan and London Spartan Leagues four times between 1972/73 to 1975/76. The first two of those seasons also saw us lose in the second round of the Spartan League Cup to Hoddesdon Town on both occasions but season 1974/75 saw us back on the cup trail as we overcame Banstead Athletic, Harefield United and Farnham Town to qualify for the final against Chertsey Town. The match, held at Krooner Park, Camberley, saw Farnborough Town lift their first league cup winning 2-0. We repeated this success in the London Spartan League Cup the next season beating Bracknell Town in the final, this time played at Chertsey Town F.C.

The next season we progressed to the Athenian League and in that league's cup we overcame Redhill (8-1), Rainham and Alton before losing to Epsom as previously mentioned this was infact our first home defeat in 88 games in all competitions.

Our first season in the Isthmian's Hitachi Cup saw us overcome Camberley Town (3-1) and Wokingham (3-0) in the qualifying rounds to qualify for a first round tie against Hayes. We put the premier division side out 2-1 here at Cherrywood in the next round we lost surprisingly at home to Worthing (1-0).

The next three seasons saw early exits to Harrow Borough, Epsom & Ewell and Croydon and not until 1981/82 did we make substantial progress when we reached the semi final stage and lost to Leytonstone & Ilford.

This is the first time we have staged a cup final and we hope everybody on both sides enjoys their day out in Hampshire.



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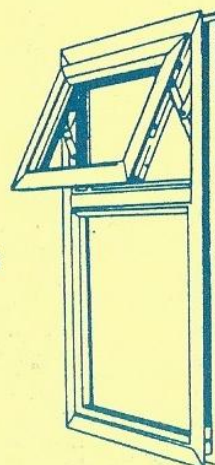
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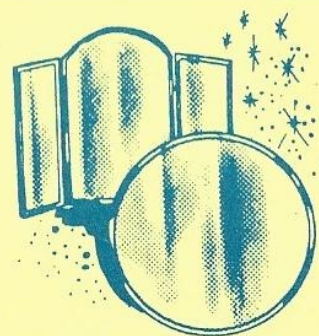
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